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**Entertainments in Norfolk.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., February 18.—Norfolk is a veritable scene of bustle and bustle today, with hundreds of decorators working throughout the business section, ornamenting the buildings in anticipation of the arrival of the battleship fleet and the welcoming exercises that will be held during next week. The long, festooned lights are in place and ready for the current, while the hundreds of brilliant electric signs have been changed to red, white and blue in honor of the occasion. The festive spirit will reign throughout the week.

There is no longer any doubt that the city will be crowded throughout the week, as already it is hard to secure accommodations, particularly for the first three days of the week at any of the leading hotels. Scores of reservations have been made, and requests are pouring in constantly. But despite this fact, it is anticipated that there will be no trouble in finding for all, thanks to the large number of hotels and boarding houses throughout the city.

Granby, Main, Commercial Place and City Hall Avenue will be great white ways throughout the week, brilliantly illuminated by the thousands of incandescent lights and handsome electric signs. Merchants and business men are vying with each other in producing the prettiest decorations for the occasion.

The press representatives, as well as the members of Congress and other official representatives who will be present, will be given a royal time and excellent opportunity to witness the arrival of the fleet, the reception of it by the President and review on Hampton Roads. Scores of pleasure steamers will be in operation and will follow the armada from its arrival at the capes until the last gun is fired and the Mayflower sails for Washington, with President Roosevelt and the reviewing officials. The steamer Mayflower will be used as the press boat.

**Dewey Will Be Absent.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 18.—Because of his recent indisposition, Admiral Dewey has been compelled to decline the President's invitation to accompany him to Hampton Roads to witness the review of the battleship fleet.

**Will Meet His Son.**  
SAVANNAH, GA., February 18.—Of those who will greet the returning battleships at Hampton Roads none will have a heartier welcome for Admiral Sperry than his son, Mr. L. S. Sperry, of Savannah, manager of the local street car company, who will spend several days with his father. He will leave Sunday night to greet his father after the review of the fleet.

## FOR UNIVERSAL CONSERVATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 18.—Conservation co-operation of world-wide scope was the keynote of an address by President Roosevelt at the White House today before the delegates in attendance upon the North American Conservation Conference. The sentiment, which was first voiced by the President, gathered considerable momentum during the day's proceedings, and was reflected in the addresses of those who participated.

Characterizing the movement as of the "utmost importance to the world as a large," President Roosevelt impressed the representatives of this government, Canada and Mexico with the possibility of the nations of the world, which has brought about this assemblage.

After the opening of today's session President Roosevelt expressed the hope to Secretary of State Bacon that a universal conservation congress, in which all nations should be invited to participate, would be a reality in the not distant future.

Secretary Bacon and Chief Forester Pinchot and other government officials interested in the problem of the preservation of the world's natural resources also entertain a similar hope, and it is not unlikely that the President will take steps to bring about such a meeting.

The East Room of the White House was the scene of a notable gathering that listened to the President's address.

**President's Address.**  
The President, after extending a hearty welcome, said:

"This conference represents one of the many steps that have been taken of recent years looking toward a co-operation between the nations of the earth for the common advancement of all. In international relations the great feature of the growth of the last century has been the gradual recognition of the fact that instead of being normally in the interest of one nation to see another depressed, it is normally to the interest of each nation to see the others elevated.

"Fundamentally it is the same with nations as it is with individuals. As a rule, the most prosperous man is the man who lives in a prosperous community; as a rule the man is prosperous who has prosperous people to deal with; who carries on his business with prosperous people; who has prosperous people round about him. When one nation strides forward along the path of civilization, as a rule that progress means the uplifting of nations generally.

"The movement that you gentlemen are beginning of national co-operation for the conservation of national and international resources marks another stage in the advance along these lines. Each nation should be left absolutely free to exercise its own wisdom in dealing with the things that concern itself; but it will be given the chance to profit by the wisdom of other nations, and I know of no nation of no individual that cannot profit by the wisdom of others. Ultimately, each of us must profit measurably if, instead of striving to advance by trampling down the other, each strives to advance by joining with the other for the common advancement.

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## News of the Southside

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch.

No. 1102 Hull Street.

One of the absorbing topics of conversation in the city at present, along with the annexation of Swansboro and the future name of the city, is the question of who is to represent Manchester and Powhatan in the coming State Legislature. So far only one candidate has announced himself, Carter Harrison, of Powhatan county, having stated that he would make the race.

The people of this city believe, however, that the representative should be from Manchester, and with the vote of Chesterfield, most of which will go to a candidate from here, the Manchester man who announces himself is likely to receive the nomination, provided, of course, that only one candidate from the city enters the Democratic primary.

At present the name of Willis C. Pugh, who has served two terms in the House of Delegates, and who was the last member from this city, and D. I. Toney are being freely mentioned.

Neither is at present ready to make known his intentions, though it is said that either one or the other will announce himself in a few days. Report also has it that neither of the two will stand against the other, and that either one or the other will decline to allow his name to be used in the primary.

Both are well fitted for the place, and both have seen active service in the Legislature.

**Annual Social Thursday Night.**

At a meeting of the Manchester High School Alumni Association, held in the High School building yesterday afternoon, it was unanimously decided to hold the proposed social next Thursday night, February 25, beginning at 8 o'clock. Dr. Metcalf, of Richmond College, will be the principal speaker, and following his lecture refreshments will be served. The association has invited the senior High School class to be its guest for the occasion. Outside of the class no one except members of the association will be present.

The entertainment will be held in the High School assembly hall, on the second floor.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Manchester Educational Association will be held to-morrow night, when the work for the coming season will be outlined and an effort made to get the committees to work. Plans for raising money for educational purposes will also be discussed.

**Suspicious Characters Locked Up.**

Special Officer DeBerry, of the Atlantic Coast Line, last night arrested two young white men, charging them with trespassing on the company's property. He brought them to the Manchester Police Station, where they were locked up. The two men, giving their names as John Ashton and Robert McLin, both claiming New Haven, Conn., as their home, were apprehended while trying to board a freight train for the South, and acted so suspiciously that the officer thought it best to take them in tow. When first questioned, both claimed they lived on Leigh Street, in Richmond, and were trying to get home. They could make no explanation of their reasons for trying to ride a train going in the opposite direction, and appeared eager to get away. The officers think that the men are possibly fugitives from justice, and they will be held until their case is investigated.

**New Equipment Arrives.**

The new harness for the Fire Department has arrived and everything is in readiness for converting the truck into a double team affair. This, however, Andrew, is trained a little more, and becomes used to the work. The house men are busy teaching him, and for a beginner, he works very well. The firehouse equipment has undergone an overhauling, and everything is now in excellent condition.

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sick for several weeks, was able to be out yesterday for a little while.

Miss Annie Duval, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Miss Carolina Gary, of Henderson, N. C., who has recently been visiting in Fredericksburg, Va., is visiting George E. Gary, of this city.

The special committee appointed to investigate the conditions at Canoe Creek will meet this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and go over the territory with the officers of the Southside Land and Improvement Company.

The funeral of Charles S. Sawtelle took place yesterday afternoon from Meade Memorial Episcopal Church. Interment was in the cemetery.

Professor Kramer J. Hoke, principal of the Manchester High School, will leave Monday for Skinsboro, where he will deliver a lecture before the Teachers' Association.

The condition of Thomas J. Vascotto, who was paralyzed last Saturday, is slightly improved.

Miss Vera Bailey, of Chesterfield, is visiting the Misses Walker, at their home on Perry Street.

David Council, No. 27, Jr. O. U. A. M., held a meeting last night at Odd-Fellows Hall.

Postmaster Smith has received a letter from Barnes Bros., of Hamilton, O., stating that work on the new Federal building would be started about the 1st of March.

The only case on the docket in the Police Court yesterday morning was an ordinary drunk. He was dismissed.

Hesta Conclave, Improved Order of Heptanotes, met last night at Eighth and Hull Streets. Only routine business was transacted.

The musical entertainment, including the "Tomahawk Drill," by twenty young girls in Indian costumes, will be held at night in the Wetherford Memorial Baptist Church. Swansboro. The entertainment is under the direction of Mrs. A. C. Harding.

A "Colonial reception" will be given in the home of Mrs. H. V. Baldwin, 1300 North Street, on Monday night. A musical program will be rendered. Joe Johnson Camp, Confederate Veterans, met last night at its hall, corner of Ninth and Hull Streets.

**Hangs Himself on Tree.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SALISBURY, N. C., February 19.—Near Statesville, Iredell county, William Brown, aged thirty years, a well-known farmer, ended his life early this morning by hanging himself to a tree. He left home at midnight last night in apparent health. His body was found to-day hanging from a limb near his home. No cause is known for the act.

**Spring Hunt Meet.**

The spring meet of the Southside Virginia hunters will be held at Powhatan county house on March 22, with Deep Run, Riverside and a number of other packs.

**THE WEATHER**

Forecast: Virginia—Rain Friday or Friday night; warmer in the South; Saturday clearing and somewhat colder; moderate to brisk south winds, becoming northwest Saturday.

North Carolina—Rain Friday in west and at night in east portion; warmer Friday in east portion; Saturday clearing and somewhat colder; moderate to brisk south winds, becoming northwest Saturday.

**CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.**

Humidity..... 32

Wind, direction..... 32

Wind, velocity..... 1

Weather..... Clear

Rainfall..... 0.00

12 noon temperature..... 51

3 P. M. temperature..... 53

Maximum temperature up to 5 P. M. 53

Mean temperature..... 46

Normal temperature..... 46

Excess in temperature yesterday..... 4

Accum. excess in temperature since January 1..... 278

Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1..... 0.59

**CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.**

(At 5 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.)

Place..... H. T. Weather.

Asheville..... 46 Clear

Atlanta..... 50 Clear

Buffalo..... 24 Rain

Charlotte..... 52 Clear

Chicago..... 49 Clear

Cincinnati..... 52 Clear

Delaware..... 49 Clear

Hatfield..... 42 Clear

Jacksonville..... 66 P. cloudy

Kansas City..... 54 Rain

Memphis..... 54 Rain

Mobile..... 60 Clear

New Orleans..... 51 Cloudy

Oklahoma City..... 42 Rain

Pittsburgh..... 50 P. cloudy

Raleigh..... 50 Clear

Savannah..... 52 Clear

St. Louis..... 49 Clear

Tampa..... 54 P. cloudy

Washington..... 44 Clear

Yellowstone..... 26 Rain

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**

February 19, 1909.

Day..... 54

Night..... 42

Light..... 54

Moon..... 5.33

Moon rise..... 6.09

Moon set..... 8.14

Evening..... 5.33

on every

box 25c

## DANGEROUS FIRE THREATENS DEPOT

Blaze at Byrd Street Station Caused Much Alarm Early This Morning.

Fire shortly before 5 o'clock this morning, said to have been caused by the breaking of electric wires, caused several hundred dollars' damage in the offices of the general manager of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, and for a time, before the fire department arrived, it seemed that the Byrd Street Station was destined to destruction. The alarm followed a report of fire at Hancock and Broad Streets. When the department arrived at the Byrd Street Station smoke was pouring from the upper windows.

The blaze originated in the offices on the second floor, and before it was extinguished practically the entire furnishings in Charles W. Culp's office were destroyed. The damage will probably be about \$500.

Soon after the report was spread that the flames had originated from the electric wiring, the Passenger and Power Company dispatched a fire engine to the scene. At Ninth and Main Streets a live wire broke, and in striking the collection spurs fire in all directions.

Two policemen were at the scene, and it is more than probable that the fire was caused by a broken wire dangled in the middle of the street.

It is said that the fire in Broad Street was likewise occasioned by a broken wire, and as the circuits in the two sections are different the coincidence of two such fires happening at the same time is considered quite remarkable. Electric lights at Eighth and Seventh Streets, on Main, went out soon after the downtown alarm was given, and the fire broke out. The fire in Byrd Street station was considered very dangerous, and the precaution was taken to have a man on duty there all night.

**ROOT IN LITTLE ROCK**

Makes Address and Pays Tribute to the Southern States.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., February 18.—Senator-Elect Eltha Root, of New York, who was the guest to-day of Little Rock, was accorded a most enthusiastic reception. When he arrived shortly before noon from Hot Springs, he was met by a large number of branches of the State Legislature, now in session, escorted him to the Capitol, where he addressed the General Assembly.

Mr. Root confined his remarks to the relations between the North and South, and paid a tribute to the Southern States and people. Later he was the guest of honor at a banquet tendered by the Little Rock Board of Trade.

Entertainment of an informal nature consumed the balance of the day. Root returning to Hot Springs to-night.

**DEADLY SAUSAGE**

Three Are Dead, Three Seriously Ill, From Eating Them.

MEMPHIS, TENN., February 18.—Three persons are dead and three others are seriously ill from eating sausage supposed to be poisoned.

The dead: Mrs. Mary Cassin, Miss Maudie Cassin, seriously ill; Joseph Prior, Joseph Cassin, three members of the Noveresia family.

Several days ago Mrs. Cassin gave a party at her home, and the family of another relative named Noveresia, and practically all were taken ill.

The sausage is being examined by chemists.

**Heavy Damage Suits.**

JACKSON, MISS., February 18.—Damage suits to the amount of \$65,000 have been filed against the State Fair Association for alleged damages sustained in an accident last summer.

While Booker T. Washington was making an address, the gallery of the Coliseum building on the Fair Grounds gave way and a number of people had arms and legs broken.

**FILES CROSS-BILL**

Trust Company Wishes to Foreclose Mortgage on Railroad.

ATLANTA, GA., February 18.—The Old Colony Trust Company, of Boston, as trustee, to-day filed in the United States Circuit Court a cross-bill in equity, praying for the foreclosure of a mortgage to secure \$30,000,000 gold coupons issued by the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railway.

The cross-bill is a result of a recently appropriated receivership of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railway, which road the trust company is a large creditor. To-day's bill alleged the default of payment of interest.

**RIOTING IN SPAIN**

Introduction of Food Stuffs in City Results in Two Deaths.

GRANADA, SPAIN, February 18.—There was an outbreak of rioting here to-day over the question of the collection of duties on food stuffs into the city, in which two persons were killed and five wounded.

**OBITUARY**

**Funeral of Mrs. Venable.**

The funeral services for Mrs. William Henry Venable, of Norfolk, formerly Miss Bessie Wright, of Richmond, will be conducted from Grace Episcopal Church at 12 noon to-day, with interment in the family plot at Hollywood.

The pallbearers will be: W. C. Turpin, Julian F. Skelton, W. M. Taliaferro and B. H. Randolph, of this city, and H. G. Avery, A. Brooke Taylor, N. T. Green, W. M. Starke, F. H. Hobbs, A. R. Hankle, Robert W. Shultice and Richard Mellwaine, of Norfolk.

The Norfolk papers speak of the great popularity of Mrs. Venable, and the grief there over her sad death. This is even more keenly felt here, as she kept her constant friendship for Richmond, and her frequent visits here. She was possessed of great beauty and personal charm and made many friends.

Her marriage took place November 15, 1899, in recent years the duties of motherhood consumed much of her time, she being one of the most devoted mothers of this city.

**Mrs. Lucy King.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WYOMING, W. V., February 18.—Last night Mrs. Lucy King, wife of George H. King, of Leedswood, Westmoreland county, died of apoplexy, aged forty years. She is survived by her husband and four small children; also two brothers and one sister, R. H. Haines, of the University of Virginia, and Newport News, Va.; Mrs. C. G. Settle, of this county.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Hanes.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

UPPERVILLE, VA., February 18.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hanes, of Paris, Va., died yesterday of pneumonia. She was ninety-two years old. Three daughters, Mrs. James Morris, and one son, H. S. Hanes, survive her. Burial was made at the cemetery here, Rev. D. F. Eustler officiating.

**John Stansbury Wallace.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 18.—John Stansbury Wallace, one of the most prominent citizens and business men of this city, and president of

## STATEN ISLAND MAN IS STRONG FOR COOPER

Had Been in a Precarious Condition For Long Time.

George W. Tucker, of Graniteville, Staten Island, is among those who have become strong believers in L. T. Cooper. On Wednesday, when interviewed at Cooper's headquarters, he said: "A month ago I was a chronic dyspeptic, caused by catarrh of the stomach. Now I am a well man."

Twelve months ago, he said, he was a chronic dyspeptic, and his New Discoveries medicine and started taking it. At that time everything I ate caused gas to form in my stomach immediately. For an hour or so after meals I would be very poor, and I was nervous and ill-nourished. To the failure of my food to digest properly, I felt tired and run down and lacked vitality. I did not sleep well, only getting about four hours' sleep a night, and tossing about even when asleep. I would wake in the morning just as worn out as when I went to bed.

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